

### **Remarks**

The final Office Action mailed February 2, 2007 sustained the rejection of 1-3, 5, 9, 11-13 and 15-17, and indicated that claim 4, 6-7, 10 and 18 would be allowable if rewritten into independent form.

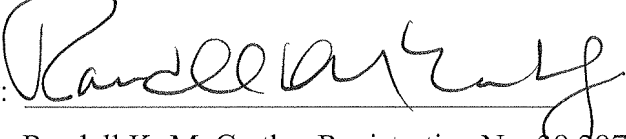
While the Applicant respectfully maintains that the rejection of the originally presented claims is improper, the Applicant has elected to proceed with amendments to place the present case in condition for immediate allowance. This action will not be interpreted as an admission by the Applicant that the final rejection is meritorious, and the Applicant reserves the right to bring one or more continuing applications in the future to continue prosecution of subject matter disclosed by the present application.

Generally, the subject matter of allowable claim 4 has been provided to independent claim 1, the subject matter of allowable claim 10 has been provided to independent claim 9, and the subject matter of allowable claim 18 has been provided to independent claim 18. Dependent claims 3-4, 10 and 18 have been cancelled. These amendments are proper, do not introduce new matter.

This is intended to be a complete response to the final Office Action mailed February 2, 2007. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully solicited.

Should any questions arise concerning this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the below signed Attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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